

IC 20-10.1-27**Chapter 27. Anti-gang Counseling Pilot Program and Fund****IC 20-10.1-27-1****"Anti-gang counseling" defined**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "anti-gang counseling" refers to efforts described under section 8 of this chapter that are designed to discourage students from the following:

- (1) Becoming members of criminal gangs.
- (2) Engaging in criminal gang activity.

As added by P.L.196-1993, SEC.1.

IC 20-10.1-27-2**"Criminal gang" defined**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "criminal gang" has the meaning as set forth in IC 35-45-9-1.

As added by P.L.196-1993, SEC.1.

IC 20-10.1-27-3**"Fund" defined**

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the anti-gang counseling pilot program fund established under section 9 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.196-1993, SEC.1.

IC 20-10.1-27-4**"Participating school corporation" defined**

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "participating school corporation" refers to a school corporation or more than one (1) school corporation under a joint agreement selected by the department to participate in the pilot program.

As added by P.L.196-1993, SEC.1.

IC 20-10.1-27-5**"Pilot program" defined**

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "pilot program" refers to the anti-gang counseling pilot program established under section 8 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.196-1993, SEC.1.

IC 20-10.1-27-6**"Pilot project" defined**

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "pilot project" refers to an anti-gang counseling pilot project authorized under section 8 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.196-1993, SEC.1.

IC 20-10.1-27-7**"Student" defined**

Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "student" refers to a public school

student who is in an appropriate grade level as determined by the participating school corporation.

As added by P.L.196-1993, SEC.1.

IC 20-10.1-27-8

Establishment of pilot projects; purposes

Sec. 8. The department shall establish the anti-gang counseling pilot program to provide financial assistance to participating school corporations to establish pilot projects designed to do the following:

- (1) Educate students and parents:
 - (A) of the extent to which criminal gang activity exists in the school corporation's community;
 - (B) on the negative societal impact that criminal gangs have on the community; and
 - (C) on methods to discourage participation in criminal gangs.
- (2) Encourage the use of community resources not directly affiliated with the school corporation, including law enforcement officials, to participate in the particular pilot project.
- (3) Enable the participating school corporations on a case-by-case basis and with the prior written approval of the student's parent or guardian to contract with community mental health centers to provide appropriate anti-gang counseling to a student identified by the student's school guidance counselor as being at risk of becoming a member of a criminal gang or at risk of engaging in criminal gang activity.

As added by P.L.196-1993, SEC.1.

IC 20-10.1-27-9

Establishment and administration of fund

Sec. 9. (a) The anti-gang counseling pilot program fund is established to provide grants to participating school corporations to establish and operate the school corporation's pilot project.

(b) The department shall administer the fund.

(c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may be invested.

As added by P.L.196-1993, SEC.1.

IC 20-10.1-27-10

Application for grant

Sec. 10. (a) To be eligible for a grant under this chapter, a school corporation or more than one (1) school corporation under a joint agreement must timely apply for the grant to the department on forms provided by the department.

(b) The applying school corporation must include at least the following information in the school corporation's application:

- (1) The number of students likely to benefit from the pilot project.
- (2) A detailed description of the proposed pilot project format.
- (3) The extent to which the applying school corporation intends to include appropriate community resources not directly affiliated with the applying school corporation in the pilot project.
- (4) A statement of and any supporting information concerning the need to establish the pilot project as perceived by the applying school corporation.
- (5) The estimated cost of implementing the pilot project.
- (6) Any other pertinent information required by the department.

As added by P.L.196-1993, SEC.1.

IC 20-10.1-27-11

Approval of pilot projects; criteria

Sec. 11. (a) Under the program, the department may approve not more than three (3) pilot projects from each congressional district.

(b) The department shall approve the pilot projects based on at least the following criteria:

- (1) The relative need for the establishment of a pilot project of this nature as outlined by the applying school corporation, including the number of students who would likely benefit from the pilot project and the prevalence of criminal gang activity within the boundaries of the applying school corporation.
- (2) The overall quality of the applying school corporation's pilot project proposal, including the extent to which the applying school corporation demonstrates a willingness to include as a part of the pilot project appropriate community resources not directly affiliated with the applying school corporation.
- (3) The availability of money in the fund.

As added by P.L.196-1993, SEC.1.

IC 20-10.1-27-12

Reports

Sec. 12. (a) By June 1 of each school year, each participating school corporation shall submit to the department a written report, on forms developed by the department, outlining the activities undertaken as part of the school corporation's pilot project.

(b) By November 1 of each year, the department shall submit a comprehensive report to the governor and the general assembly on the pilot program, including the department's conclusions and recommendations with regard to the impact that the pilot program has made on decreasing criminal gang activity in Indiana. A report submitted under this subsection to the general assembly must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

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